



and it alienated from you  
Socrates who had been al-  
most persuaded to regard  
and love you as I do.

The only apology I could  
make for you then was -  
that you could not have  
attended to the provoca-  
tion which Mr. Foster gave  
Mr. Smith to enter, as he  
did, <sup>on</sup> the defence of his  
course in Congress.

This paragraph in yours  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> is too much in  
the spirit that misled  
you in your reproof of  
Mr. Smith last winter.

I am heartily sorry for it.

Yours lovingly  
Saml. May.

I am today 60 years old.

I have no doubt that he thinks as badly of Slaveholders as he says he does but then he considers the majority of the people of the non slaveholding states just as proslavery in their spirit - and about as guilty as those of the South.

On several points, Mr Smith's opinions seem to me strange and inconsistent. Nevertheless he is sincere in holding them - and in his belief that the dissemination of them would tend to the extinction of Slavery.

Your castigation of him last winter was the worst, the most unjust thing I ever knew you to do -

Syracuse Sep. 12  
1857

Dear Garrison.

59 I was very sorry when I read in the Liberator of the 4<sup>th</sup> your paragraph respecting Gerrit Smith's speech. It was contemptuous and therefore not fitted to do him or any body else any good. And more than that it was untrue. Strange as it may seem to us, he has always held (since I have known him) as Dr. Follen did, this same opinion respecting the obligation of the people of the non-slave holding states to share in the losses of the slaveholders that may be consequent upon the emancipation of their slaves.